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For: METHOD FOR REMOVING MERCURY IN EXHAUST GAS AND SYSTEM THEREFOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Dated: March 6, 2008

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2008, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-4, drawn to a method for removing mercury in exhaust gas; and
- II. Claims 5-8, drawn to a system for removing mercury in exhaust gas.

In response, applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-4. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

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Dated: March 6, 2008

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